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PROGRESS REPORT ON IMMIGRATION REFORM (ITEM NO. 34-B, BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2013)

This memorandum is to provide a progress report on immigration reform legislation, as instructed by the Board on February 5, 2013.

In June 2013, the Senate passed S. 744, a comprehensive immigration reform bill, which increases border security and enforcement, reforms legal immigration, and provides a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. A comprehensive immigration reform bill has not yet been introduced in the House, and there has not been any legislative action on immigration since Congress returned from its summer recess on September 9, 2013. Moreover, last month, the bipartisan group of eight House members who had been attempting to draft a bipartisan immigration reform bill gave up that effort after two Republicans - Representatives Carter (Texas) and Johnson (Texas) - left the group, leaving it with only one Republican member. Representative Labrador (R-ID) previously left the group in June.

On October 2, 2013, House Democrats announced the release of a comprehensive immigration reform bill, which is similar to the version of the Senate immigration reform (S. 744) approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee except that the Senate's border security provisions are replaced by language from H.R. 1417, the bipartisan border security bill, which the House Homeland Security Committee approved in

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May 2013. H.R. 1417 neither prescribes nor funds border security measures unlike S. 744, which appropriates \$46.3 billion for specified border security improvements, such as 700 miles of border fencing. Instead, it requires the Department of Homeland Security to develop a comprehensive plan for securing operational control of the border.

The House Republican leadership has indicated that it would not bring S. 744 to the House floor for a vote. It also is extremely unlikely that it would allow the similar House Democratic immigration reform bill to be brought to the House floor - especially not in October when Congressional action will be focused on the budget matters, such as the Continuing Resolution and Federal debt ceiling.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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